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**Sent:** Tue 5/17/2016 6:12:18 PM  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Approved Assistance Amendment V96836201-1 La Plata County

Just and FYI, please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

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Hi Jennifer,

To date, EPA has received 66 FTCA claims related to the Gold King Mine incident. Generally, the types of claims submitted include property damage, personal injury and/or lost income.

EPA's Claims Officer has been reviewing the results of the evaluations into the Gold King Mine incident and researching the legal parameters. For this type of claim, the agency is required by regulation to consult with the Department of Justice, and we have been doing so. EPA and DOJ will determine whether the FTCA provides a means of compensating claims for money damages arising from the Gold King Mine incident. To date, no determination has been made regarding

claims submitted to the EPA. We will keep you posted when there are further updates.

Thanks,

Carolyn

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Has the EPA paid out any FTCA claims yet on Gold King Mine spill? Could you provide an update how many claims have been submitted in relation to the spill? Thanks for any insight!

Best,

Jennifer

**From:** Wardell, Christopher [<mailto:Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>]

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I wanted to pass along information regarding in an increase of the Superfund Cooperative Agreement awarded to La Plata County, CO. If you have any questions regarding the administrative requirements, please contact Sarah Hulstein at (303) 312-6014 or via email at [Hulstein.Sarah@epa.gov](mailto:Hulstein.Sarah@epa.gov), with any questions. If you have any questions regarding the technical requirements, contact Cinna Vallejos at (303) 312-6376 or via email at [Vallejos.Cinna@epa.gov](mailto:Vallejos.Cinna@epa.gov).

If you have general questions or if I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Thanks

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